smaller Kendras which were not telecasting agricultural programmes have also started telecast of agricultural programmes in a similar manner. In view of this, a separate channel is not under consideration, at present.

O.B. Vans Purchased by Doordarshan

1993. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of O. B. Vans purchased by Doordarshan exclusively for sport coverage;

(b) whether the O. B. Vans were used to cover the cricket matches between India and other nations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan has a total of 17 O. B. vans at present, and these are used for multifarious coverages, including sports events.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Collaboration of Cable Operators with Joint American-Indian Network Satellite T V

1994. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the Joint American-Indian Network Satellite Television has decided to join hands with Cable Operators to run a Hindi Movie Channel on a revenue sharing basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Press reports to this effect have come to the notice of Government.

(c) Government has no role in such tie-ups between private parties.

Loss Suffered by AIR|AD

1995. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINADAN JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of losses suffered by All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 as compared to 1990-91, state-wise;

(b) what are the cumulative losses suffered by the DDK and AIR;

(c) what are the reaesons for mounting losses of DDK and AIR;

(d) what measures|steps are being taken by Government to improve the performances of AIR and DDK; and

(e) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The commercial revenue earned by All India Radio and Doordarshan during the period in question increased each year as the figures given below indicate:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	AIR	Doordarshan
1990-91 . . .	39.30	253.85
1991-92 . .	52.73	300.61
1992-93 . . .	58.91	360.23
1993-94 . . .	64.35	372.98

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) All Radio and Doordarshan constatly strive to brig about a qualitative